LRS Esafety survey feedback 2015 - 2016

Dear parents/carers,

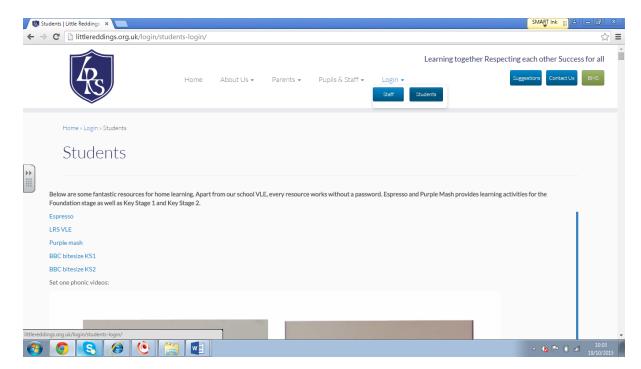
This term we have undertaken a Technology and Esafety survey with the children across our school. I wanted to take this opportunity to inform you of our findings and provide some useful information to help your children learn, stay safe and be responsible in our ever changing online world.

Our survey findings told us that our children regularly embrace technology for learning, entertainment and communication.

<u>Learning</u>: The children use our 'The Learning Portal' within our VLE (in Key Stage 2) to access a range of online resources to support their learning across the curriculum.

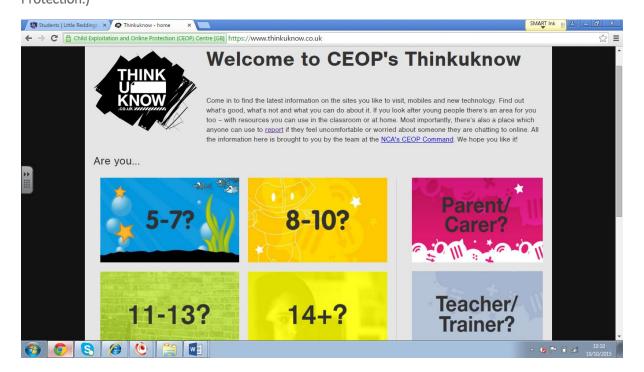


For children in Key Stage 1 and the Foundation Stage, a selection of resources can be found on our school website. On our website select 'login' and then 'student' to access these links. If you click the 'Purple Mash' link, you will need to search for our school. Then their website will require the following login details; username – example_pupil and password – bird3.



<u>Entertainment:</u> We know our children enjoy playing games on their technology. Many of the games that the children play are age appropriate and great fun! However, in some of these online games, you can communicate with other users. Unfortunately, sometimes this can lead to concerns regarding inappropriate content and contact. Our favourite resource to support us when safeguarding our students in the digital world is the 'thinkuknow' site which gives great advice for reporting any unwanted online incidents through the 'Report Abuse' icon.





Some children, across our Key Stage 2 classes, are playing games much older than the official game certificate. The following site (http://www.pegi.info/en/index/) is the official gaming certificate organisation named PEGI. On their home page you can search the name of popular games and it will provide the games age rating and explain why the game has obtained its rating.



The following rating advice comes from the PEGI games rating website, related to two games that were popular with some children across Key Stage 2.

Grand Theft Auto V

Take2 Interactive Software Europe ltd

The content of this game is suitable for persons aged 18 years and over only.

It contains: Extreme violence - Multiple, motiveless killing - Violence towards defenceless people - Strong language

Call of Duty: Black Ops 2

Activision Blizzard UK Ltd

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This game allows the player to interact with other players ONLINE

Communication:

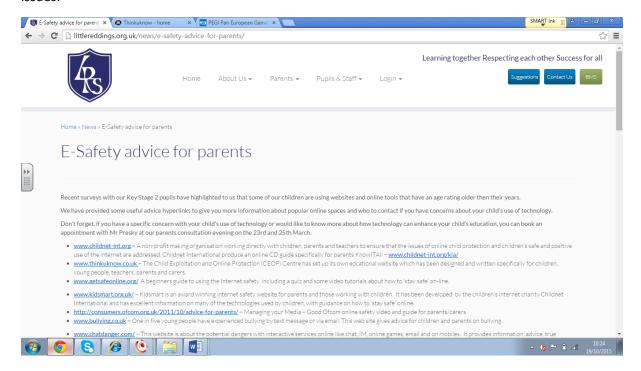
Our findings also showed us that the use of Facebook and other social media sites are popular. The following guidance '13 Reasons why Facebook is for over 13s' comes from our Hertfordshire County Esafety advisors to explain why most social networking sites have an age rating of 13.

13 Reasons why Facebook is for over 13s

- 1. The minimum age to open a Facebook account is 13 years.
- 2. Facebook has relaxed the additional protection and security settings for teens (age 13-17). It is now possible for teens to post images and status updates to people outside their friend network.
- 3. Facebook advertisements or apps may have content that is not appropriate for under 13s.

- 4. Facebook expects parents of under 13s to show their children how to delete their Facebook account, if they have one.
- 5. Facebook expects all users to use their real name and identities. It's against Facebook terms to lie about your name or age.
- 6. Every word, message, image and video you add to Facebook will be there forever unless you take it down.
- 7. Facebook expects parents to discuss online safety with their child and to set ground rules.
- 8. Every image, including your profile photo, can be copied by others, changed by others and be online forever!
- 9. Facebook games may have different T & C to Facebook and only be suitable for over 18s
- 10. Facebook Timeline is an online representation of your child's life based on the information they and others added. What does their timeline reveal about them?
- 11. Facebook will remove images that break copyright law or are pornographic but will not remove photos you just don't like!
- 12. Facebook can share location in posts. Do you want your child's online friends to know where they are? Turn off location services on mobile devices.
- 13. Facebook has a safety centre specifically for parents. http://www.facebook.com/safety/groups/parents/

For more information our school website has a wide resource of Esafety advice addressing many issues.



In summary, we use the following SMART rules to help raise safety awareness across our school.



Be **SMART** on the internet

Stay safe online, only communicate with people you know and trust.

Make sure you don't use personal information online. Do you want the whole world to know?

Always keep your password to yourself.

Respect others when you communicate online.

Tell an adult you trust if you are worried.

To find out more visit:

www.thinkuknow.co.uk

Along with this survey report, we have provided the latest county Esafety advice for parent's newsletter. This newsletter gives information and advice on a wide range of issues regarding students of all ages.

I hope this feedback is useful in supporting you to keep your children safe in the challenging and ever changing digital world.

Any questions, please don't hesitate to ask.

Best regards,

Mr D Presky